

The News.
Great are the triumphs of the Telegraph! On Tuesday, Her Majesty read the Speech from the throne, and to-day—only three days after delivery—we lay a synopsis of the same before our readers. It is said that during the delivery of the Speech, the people cried "Reform! Reform!" and it will be seen that the attention of Parliament has been called to the state of the franchise, with a view to the extension of its privileges. Her Majesty expresses a belief that the misunderstanding between Great Britain and the United States will be amicably adjusted, and announces that steps to that end have been taken.
If the New York Herald is to be believed, the Canadian Confederation scheme is assuming a tangible shape in England, and the probable appointment of Prince Alfred as Viceroy would give great satisfaction to all parties. Should this despatch be correct, we of British Columbia may expect to be included in the Confederation—a consummation devoutly to be wished for, under certain restrictions and with conditions.
The same authority furnishes startling intelligence from Mexico. By previous accounts we were led to believe that the French forces at Mazatlan were preparing to evacuate that seaport and return to France. But from the Herald's despatch it would appear that the United States Consul at that city had made himself obnoxious to and had been executed by the French military authorities, whereupon a United States gunboat bombarded the town for eight hours. The despatch is vague and indefinite, and as the Herald's reputation for veracity is not of the highest order, it is probably a canard, for we cannot conceive how any military commander, in the possession of his senses, would pursue a course that would be certain to involve his nation in war.

Turning from the news from abroad to that from a quarter in which we are more intimately concerned, we find in the telegrams from the mainland much to inspire the public mind with renewed confidence in the well-being of the country. In the Council we find Mr DeCosmos asking for a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of amending the Constitution of the Colony so as to increase the popular representatives to two-thirds of the whole number of Councillors. If the promises of His Excellency mean anything, this motion will meet with Executive favor, for we can imagine no position more irksome or disagreeable than that now occupied by the Governor. In reply to a question by Dr Helmecken, Mr Birch announced that he was the intention of Government to repeal the Trades License, Head Tax and Tonnage Dues. This is, indeed, gratifying, and is, we trust, the forerunner of still more enlightened legislation.
Added to the improved state of the political atmosphere, it is gratifying to find that a change for the better has taken place at Cariboo, where a claim on the bank of a stream known as Canadian Creek, and heading in the same mountain with William Creek, has yielded an almost fabulous amount of gold to a single set of miners.

A Snake Five Feet Long Milks a Cow.
[From the New Albany (Ind.) Ledger.]
A gentleman in the lower part of this city has a splendid milk cow. She ordinarily gives from two to three gallons at a milking. It is a remarkable fact that for the last two months she has given more in cold weather than in warm. When the weather is cold her milk is abundant, but when it moderates her supply is reduced down frequently to less than a quart. This remarkable freak attracted the notice of her owner several weeks ago and ever since he has been sedulously trying to divine the cause. At last he thought she was milked by other parties than members of the family, but as the cow was confined in a lot adjoining his residence and closely watched he became satisfied no person other than some one of his family milked her. During the recent extreme cold weather her milk was abundant, but yesterday (the weather having become very much moderate) she failed entirely. This morning he got up determined, if possible, to learn the cause of the failure. He had hardly entered the courtyard before his attention was attracted to a rustling noise in some chinks near the stable. Presently he saw a huge snake emerge from underneath the stable and crawl up to his favorite milker and deliberately begin stripping her teats. The snake was at least five feet long, and as large as a man's arm at the shoulder. It was what is known as a cow snake. The mystery was now explained. In cold weather the snake is dormant, hibernating, but when the weather gets warm he emerges from his winter quarters. The gentleman attempted to kill the snake but failed. It ran back under the stable, where it now securely lies gorged with its favorite beverage.
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Fearful Massacre of Indians!
LATER FROM EUROPE!
Eastern States.
New York, Jan. 28—It appears that Head Centre Stephens has not yet sailed for Europe.
The Santiago de Cuba, from Nicaragua, arrived yesterday. There is no cholera on the Isthmus.

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New Westminster, February 4.—Bar-nard arrived last night in a canoe with Stronach and Reynolds, the Expressman from Kootenay. I learn from the former that the United Company on Canadian Creek (not Conkling Gulch) have made a very rich strike in their hill tunnel, taking out three hundred ounces to one shift of timber. An interest was offered before the strike for two hundred dollars. A new and rich mining ground, it is supposed, has been found. The ground is staked for miles. This news came by a telegram to Yale.
River freezing. There was a great time at the Yale election. Teamsters turned out with sleighs, and fetched every elector within reach. Only six voters failed to poll. The abolition of road tolls was the only test question.
The good accounts from Kootenay given by Milby, are confirmed. A good deal of gold was taken out last season. More expected next; the miners are all doing well. Stronach's shafts in the canyon are down five (?) feet and the bed rock has not yet been reached; they expect to make a strike. Stronach left January 4th when everything was frozen up and mining stopped, but no snow. On Salmon mountain there were twenty feet of snow; on Hope mountain, eight feet. The party came by way of Colville, and travelled all the way on snow shoes and had a hard time.

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Victoria, Oct. 1, 1866. f6 1m

CONCERT
Madame Josephine D'Ormy,
In deference to the wishes of numerous kind friends, begs to announce that she will give a
Grand Vocal & Instrumental Concert
In the
VICTORIA THEATRE,
On
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th,
On which occasion she will be assisted by all the
MUSICAL TALENT IN THE CITY.
PRICE OF ADMISSION AS USUAL.
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New Advertisements.
AT PRIVATE SALE.
FOR CASH.
40 gunnies Oregon Bacon
10 kegs Oregon Dried Apples
8 cs California Cheese
19 Firkins Solid California Butter, Choice
10 bbls best California Butter in Rolls
10 kegs best Oregon do
A few packages Ordinary Butter for Bakers
20 cs Oregon Lard in 10 lb tins
100 Reams Straw Paper
100 gross Pollak's Vienna Matches
An assortment of Choice and Ordinary Tobacco
100 cs best quality Coal Oil
200 bxs English Soap
20 chests U S Tea, 50 bxs Candles
Variety of American Case Goods
Salt Beef and Pork in bbls and halves
Sal Soda, Table Salt, &c
Boots and Shoes, complete assortment
ALSO
Billiard Table, Phelan's Cushions
Buggy, Wagon, second-hand
Ladies' Side Saddle, second-hand.
J. A. McCREA,
Auctioneer, Wharf Street.
Feb. 1w 2p

DIARIES
—AND—
DAILY JOURNALS
FOR 1867,
POCKET AND COUNTING HOUSE,
With the usual varieties of styles and prices, can be found at
T. N. HIBBEN & CO.'s,
Government street.
Jal 12m 2p
VICTORIA
SEED STORE,
Corner of Langley and Yates St.
Messrs. Jay & Bales
Have opened the above premises with a
LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK
OF
FRESH
Agricultural, Vegetable
AND
FLOWER SEEDS.
The business of the late firm of Jay & Co., Fort street and Springfield, Victoria, will be carried on by them in all its branches.
Fruit Trees and Bushes, Evergreen and Deciduous Shrubs, bulbs and Flowering Plants of every description.
Jal 2t

For Adelaide.
THE SHIP "VORTIGERN," 1500 Tons,
N. S. HEDSTROM, COMMANDER.
WILL SAIL FOR THE ABOVE
Port about the 1st inst. and on March 1st. Can accommodate a few Cabin, and Steerage Passengers. For particulars, apply to
J. NAGLE,
Shipping Agent,
Office near the Police Barracks
Jal 1m
A COURT OF ASSIZE AND GENERAL
Quarter Sessions is appointed to be held on MONDAY, the EIGHTEENTH inst., at the Court House, Victoria, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, before the Honorable Joseph Neillham, Justice of the Peace, the Queen, assigned to enquire, hear, and determine all treasons, murders, felonies, misdemeanors, offences and injuries, whatsoever, and where-ever made in or against the peace, Crown, and other officers who have taken any legislation, or the examination of any prisoner or witnesses, are required to return such recognizance, indictment and examination, to the said Court, at the opening thereof, on the first day of its sitting.
Given under my hand at the Sheriff's Office, Victoria, on the 5th February, 1867.
W. R. H. ADAMSON,
Acting Sheriff.

TRADE LICENCES COURT OF REVISION.
THE COURT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST
Sitting, at the Police Building, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of February inst., at ONE o'clock p.m.
CHARLES G. WYLLY,
Clerk.
Victoria, B.C., 1st February, 1867. f6 1m
SANDWICH ISLANDS
PRODUCE,
THE CARGO OF THE
Schr. PREMIER
Consisting of
CHOICE QUALITY
SUGAR, No. 1 and 2;
KONA COFFEE;
MOLASSES.
For sale cheap and on liberal terms.
Feb 2w
J. Robertson Stewart.
TWENTY PACK, SADDLE
and Work Horses for Sale Cheap, or exchange for Real Estate.
Apply to
J. W. WILLIAMS,
Livery Stables,
Jal 2m

THE BILLIARD HALL
Is furnished with six Billiard Tables, Phelan's Combination Cushions, comprising two Berger-Phelan Patent small sizes, three Pocket, and one Crown Billiard Patent large size. Every attention will be paid to visitors desirous of playing American Pin Pool, English Pool, Fifteen Ball Pool and Pyramide.
THEREA DING DEPARTMENT
Will be regularly supplied with the leading American and European papers, Victorians and Magazines.
THE BAR
Will be kept supplied with the choicest Wines, Liquors and Segars, and will be under the personal superintendence of Mr Jos. Penny and the proprietor.
Jal 14 3m
JOHN C. KEENAN.
Coal! Coal!
D. KAVANAGH & CO. IN RETURN for thanks to their numerous friends and Customers for favors shown during the past year, beg to inform them that in consequence of a slight reduction in freight they are enabled to offer the
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New Advertisements.
SANDWICH ISLAND
S.T-1860-X.
Sugar!
A GREAT MANY SIDE HITS ARE being made at the Plantation Bitters, by a sort of two of indigestion and flatulency who have endeavored to imitate or counterfeit them. It's all of no use. The people won't be long imposed upon. The Plantation Bitters are increasing in use and popularity every day, and "that's what's the matter." They are in same sized bottle and made just as they were at first, and will continue to be, or we shall stop making them.
The Plantation Bitters purify, strengthen and invigorate! They create a healthy appetite. They are an antidote to change of water and diet. They overcome effects of dissipation and late hours. They strengthen the system and liven the mind. They prevent malarial and intermittent fevers. They purify the breath and acidity of the stomach. They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation. They cure Liver, Cholera and Cholera Morbus. They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous Headache. They make the weakstrong, the languid brilliant, and are exhausted nature's great restorer. The recipe and full Circular are around each bottle. Clergymen, Merchants and persons whose sedentary habits induce weak, lassaitude, palpitiation of the heart, lack of appetite, distress after eating, Liver complaint, constipation, &c, will find immediate and permanent relief in these Bitters but above all, they are recommended to weak and delicate female and mothers.
The original quality and high character of these Bitters will be sustained under every and all circumstances. They have already obtained a sale in every town, village, pari and hamlet obtaining civilized nations. Base imitators try to come a near our name and style as they can, and because of this, articles are sold as low as poor ones, they find some support from parties who do not care what they sell. Be on your guard. See our private stamp over the cork.
P.H. DRAKE, & Co., Proprietors, New York City.
Sold by all Druggists, Grocers, Country Stores and dealers, everywhere throughout the world.
C. LANGLEY & CO., Victoria, General Agents for the Colony.

THE CARGO
OF THE
Bk Metropolis,
HOURLY EXPECTED
From Honolulu,
WILL BE SOLD
ON ARRIVAL.

Large & Peremptory
SALE OF
SUGARS & COFFEE.
The Undersigned has received positive instructions to Sell the above Cargo upon arrival.
IT WILL BE
PLACED IN BOND,
In order that any Part Exported may save the Payment of Duties, and the attention of Merchants in
BRITISH COLUMBIA
AND
Washington Territory
Is particularly directed to this Sale.
The Cargo contains some
Very

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Friday Morning, February 8, 1867
Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
ENTERED
Feb 7—Star Otter, Lewis, Sitka
Sch. Thos. Macdonald, Thos. Macdonald
Sch. Grover, Williams, Port Townsend
CLEARED
Feb 7—Star Isabel, Chambers, Nanaimo
S. A. Allen, Harris, Salt Spring Island
Sch. H. Macdonald, Macdonald, Nanaimo
Sch. Discovery, Berlin, Port Townsend
PASSENGERS
Per steam OTTER, from the Northwest Coast—Mr. Dun-
can, Capt. Stephens of the Nonpareil. Mr. and Mrs. Wey-
ton and child, three Catholic priests from Fort Rupert.
REPORTS
Per schooner THORNDYKE, from Van Juan—18 M. Hingles,
to Janion, Green & Rhodes; 2 bags.
MAILED
On the 6th inst., at the Cathedral, Victoria, V.I., by
the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Columbia, as-
sisted by the Very Reverend Dean Ogilvie, E. Graham
Alston, Barrister-at-Law, Esq., to Anna Maria, daughter
of the late H. H. Tuzo, of Quebec, C. F.
DIED
In this city, on the 6th February, 1867, Alexander A.
Kennedy, aged 55 years.
Friends are respectfully invited to attend the
funeral, from the Cathedral, this day (Friday) at 2 p.m.
At Fort Simpson, on the 8th January, a daughter of
Mr. Horn, aged 2 years.
Auction Sales To-day.
J. J. COCHRANE, Theatre Building, Government st.
will sell, at 12 o'clock, noon, at Salesroom, Pianos.
From Leech River.
Captain Williamson, of Williamson & Co.,
on Leech River, who has passed two years
and two months on that stream in sinking
shafts and driving tunnels without once visit-
ing Victoria, arrived in town yesterday. He
reports that the ditch is an excellent one,
and that any amount of water is running
through it. The sawmill is completed, and
the lumber for the flume from the ditch to
the mill is ready to be put together. Several
men are crevelling and making "grab."
Keest & Co. are working the surface with
sluices, and making moderate wages. The
only tunnel company at work, is the one in
which our informant is interested; they first
ran a cut in for 84 feet over the bed-rock,
part of the distance through rim rock, when
they found that they were only even with
the inner rim of the old channel. They then
went 75 feet further up stream; and found
the bed-rock pitching for a depth of 17 feet.
The cut is now in 75 feet. Capt. Williamson
says that 47 feet more of the cut will take
them into the back (or old) channel of the
river, where, from personal knowledge, the
miners are positive the result will be highly
favorable; in all, the company have sunk 17
shafts, and driven 4 tunnels. The names of
these indomitable men are Baker, White and
Williamson—one Canadian and two Nova
Scotians—all practical miners, and, as the
labour they have bestowed upon the work
shows, men of energy, perseverance and
pluck. If the tunnel is carried to a suc-
cessful issue, and the result proves that the
prospects already obtained are not too flatter-
ing, Victoria will have a large and prosper-
ous mining community at her very door.
On Monday, the company, having exhausted
their little stock of provisions, stopped work,
and Capt. Williamson, after many months
of toil, has come to town for the purpose of
ascertaining whether sufficient provisions—
he asks no money—can be obtained on credit
to feed himself and his partners until the
work has been carried through, and the bill
digging of Leech thoroughly tested? We
think that no work in the colony possesses
greater public importance than the develop-
ment of these diggings. We have been two
years and a half waiting for the test claim
to be opened. A ditch, at considerable ex-
pense is being constructed, which, if Wil-
liamson & Co. are 'starved out' will be
practically useless. The question resolves
itself into this: Shall Leech River be aban-
doned for the want of a few sacks of flour,
and a side or two of bacon.

THE WRECK OF THE SCHOONER NONPAREIL.
Captain Stephens, of the trading schooner
Nonpareil, before reported lost on the North-
west coast, returned on the Otter yesterday,
and reports that his vessel was capsized on
the 11th of November last, while in Douglas
channel, during a squall. The captain, with
the only hand on board, contrived to cling
on the bottom of the sloop, on which they
remained for three days, at the end of which
time they floated ashore. Every effort was
made to right and save the vessel and cargo,
but after that object had been attained a
tribe of Indians came down in canoes and
"gobbled" up the provisions and destroyed
the schooner. Stephens and his man were
taken on by the Otter at Fort Simpson.
FROM THE NORTHWEST COAST.—The H.B.
Co.'s steamer Otter returned from the North
yesterday morning. She left Stekin river
on the 17th January. No news had been
received at the mouth from Mr. Elwyn. Dr.
Chismore, Mr. Leach and Bourgeois, of the
Telegraph Company, were preparing to start
up the river. They had experienced some
difficulty in engaging Indians, but would
probably leave in a few days. The weather
had been very cold. The Otter arrived at
Fort Simpson on the 23d January, left again
on the 25th, and arrived at Fort Rupert on
the 2d Feb. Left the schooner Kate at an-
chor in Safety Cove, bound down; she had
been there eight days. No news from Sitka.
THE WIRE.—Yesterday the wire between
New Westminster and Victoria "talked"
to some purpose, and brought us despatches
of great importance and interest to local readers.
The fearful gales that have prevailed during
the winter months have rendered telegraphic
communication very uncertain; but when it
is known that the line for many miles runs
through a thickly wooded country which, for
density of undergrowth, is unsurpassed even
in a tropical climate, the frequent interrup-
tions caused by the fall of trees will not be
wondered at.
INQUEST.—The coroner yesterday held an
inquest over the body of Mr. Alexander Ken-
nedy, who died suddenly the day previous at
his house on Humboldt street. Evidence
was taken as to the circumstances attending
the demise and the state of deceased's health
for some time past, and the jury, after a short
deliberation, returned a verdict of "death
from natural causes." The funeral will take
place to-day.

MR. D'ORMY'S CONCERT.—We are pleased
to announce that Mrs. D'Ormy's grand
vocal and instrumental concert will come off
on Wednesday evening next, when an
array of artistic talent, such as never before
appeared on our boards, will be produced.
Those who attended Mr. Wilson's concert
will remember with feelings of pleasure the
satisfaction experienced by them on hearing
this gifted lady, and none present on that
memorable occasion will neglect to attend
the forthcoming concert.
MRS. PALMER'S SOIREE DANCEANTE.—This
pleasant re-union came off on Wednesday
evening, and was successfully carried through.
The attendance of ladies and gentlemen was
very large, and the music by the band was
the best we have heard on any similar oc-
casion in this city. The supper, prepared
by Cameron, was really excellent, but was
not generally partaken of, and the caterer
will therefore lose. The party lasted until a
late hour in the morning.
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.—The candi-
dates thus far mentioned for the Presidency
are General Grant, General Sherman, General
Thomas, General Butler, and Speaker Colfax.
A writer in the Rockville (Md.) Sentinel nomi-
nates Grant for next President, and Lee for
next Vice President, as "National Union
candidates." The Chicago Tribune proposes
Horace Greeley as the Democratic candidate
for President in 1868, on the amnesty plat-
form.
I. O. G. T.—The following officers were
elected by the Good Templars, on Wednes-
day evening, to serve for three months:—
N. Shakespeare, W. C. T.; T. Carrington,
W. V.; R. T. Williams, W. S.; D. Spen-
cer, W. T.; G. Revis, W. F. S.; J. Fox,
W. R. H. S.; C. E. Michael, W. L. H. S.;
T. Thornhill, W. M.; V. E. Robinson,
W. T. G.; J. Michael, W. O. G.; T. Mann,
W. C.; G. Robinson, P. W. C. T.
FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.—The
schooner Nanaimo Packet, with 12 of the
workmen from the anthracite coal mine, at
Skidegate Bay, Q. C. I., arrived yesterday
afternoon, having left the bay five weeks ago.
Another seam of anthracite has been discov-
ered on the company's claim, which makes,
in all, three well defined seams. The men
at the mine are all in good health.
THE DEBATE in reference to the suit-
ability of the present form of government at
the Mechanics' Institute, elicited some ex-
cellent speeches from Messrs. Fell, Babbitt,
Ball, Orr and Lorrimer. On the vote being taken,
the majority was in favor of representa-
tive government, and opposed to the present
form.
DESERTERS.—Two jolly looking coves, who
admitted that they belonged to the 'Mutin'
(Mutine), were arraigned before Mr. Pen-
berton yesterday upon a charge of being
deserters. The chaps were attired in citizens
dress and had adopted an alias. They were
ordered to be given up to the naval authori-
ties.
LICENSING COURT.—The stipendiary magis-
trate and A. C. Anderson, Esq., J. P., yester-
day granted R. Anderson, of Burnside road,
a renewal of his liquor licence; Felix Lelair,
of California saloon, a transfer to Patrick
Murphy; and McDougal & McNiff, of the
Grotto, a temporary licence.
NEW CONCERTS.—The Pixley troupe, with
other musical notables, will appear this and
to-morrow evenings at the concert room,
corner of Johnson and Government streets,
formerly the New Idea. Vocal and instru-
mental music and dancing is the programme
of entertainment.
FROM NANAIMO.—The Sir James Douglas,
Captain Clarke, came in from Nanaimo last
evening, with a small freight and a few pas-
sengers, Rev Mr and Mrs Jones amongst the
number. The Revere was being loaded
with coal for San Francisco. Rough weather
was encountered on the way up.
BURNING.—As you value your eyes, don't put out
a kerosene lamp by blowing down the chimney.
An explosion is very likely to be the
result of doing so.
GONE IS—The Meg Merrilies has received
such serious injury that she will be sold "as
she lies" by her owner.
THE ENTERPRISE will leave New West-
minster this morning on her return to Victo-
ria.
The Canadian Revolution—Details of
the Fighting at the Convent of Arcadion.
(From the New York Herald.)
ATHENS, Nov. 29, 1866.
Intelligence received yesterday from Candia
brings details of the affair at Arcadion, tele-
graphed on the 25th.
Arcadion is a convent situated in a strong
position in the Department of Rethymos. It
was occupied all together by five hundred
and forty persons, three hundred and forty-
three of whom were women and children,
leaving one hundred and ninety-seven men
capable of bearing arms. Coroneos does
not appear to have been in the place, as was
incorrectly reported.
Upon the 20th, Mustapha Pacha left his
head-quarters at Episcopi with 12,000 men,
and advanced upon the convent, demanding
the surrender of the garrison. The Cretans
refused, and the Turkish artillery immedi-
ately opened a tremendous fire upon the place,
keeping up the bombardment two days and
nights.
A breach being at last effected in the
walls the Turks, who had suffered heavy
losses, poured into the convent court. This
was surrounded with small cells, in which the
Christians had barricaded themselves and
kept up their fire for six hours. Finding all
resistance ineffectual, the defenders of the
convent formed the desperate resolution of
settling fire to the powder magazine. A
work applied the match. The explosion
was tremendous, hurling Turks and Chris-
tians into the air, strewn the neighborhood
with corpses. Two thousand Turkish sol-
diers were killed on the spot and large num-
bers wounded. Thirty-nine men and sixty
women and children of the garrison were all
that escaped. These were taken prisoners
and carried off to Rethymos. The wounded
Turks are being daily brought into hospital.
Canea and Souva have received upwards of
a thousand, many of them officers—among
them being Mustapha Pacha's brother-in-law.
The Turkish army is reported to be much
dispirited by this disaster.
In the department of Canea, Zimbrakakis,
joined by the corps of Byzantium, is still at
Dracena, some leagues from Canea. He re-
cently made a reconnaissance up to the gates
of the city, causing great alarm among the
Turkish inhabitants and garrison.
In Hieracium, Reschid Effendi, the Turkish
commander, is still at Ayos Myron and

OURSONA. The Tuaks have burned seven
villages in the district of Malezivion. The
Cretan Chief, Michel Coroneos, by way of
retrial, has committed twelve villages in
the districts of Missara and Kenourio to
the flames. The Turks have set a price of
500,000 piasters (\$25,000) upon the capture
of Coroneos, and a reward of 500 Turkish
livres (about \$2,250) upon that of Coracas.
Mustapha Pacha, whose army is not at pre-
sent in a position to resume hostilities, has
ordered the troops of Reschid Effendi to at-
tack Missara.
THE COLONY and the Bondholders.
Messrs. Editors:—In reference to your
article in to-day's issue relating to the re-
sponsibility of the Colony to the bond-
holders and other creditors, allow me to re-
mind your readers, that a portion at least
of this debt was incurred by the uncontrolled
representatives of the people, a form of
Government since abolished. It remains to
be seen whether, under the new Constitution
lately inaugurated, and now being put into
operation by Governor Seymour, due regard
will be had to the popular voice, or whether
the presence of the elected members in the
Council will be a mere matter of form, the
Government taking all control on the strength
of the nominated majority. If the latter is
the case, it must never be forgotten that the
financial responsibility of the situation has
been removed from the people by the Gov-
ernor and his advisers and rests upon them
alone. In view of present events, the most
sanguine must feel that the situation is so
precarious as to render that responsibility a
heavy burden for even the most illustrious
shoulders.
"PALMAN QUI MERUIT FERAT."
THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND.
PERRY DAVIS'
VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER.
The Greatest Family Medicine of the Age
Taken internally, it cures sudden colds,
coughs, etc., weak stomach, general debility,
nervous sore mouth, canker, liver complaint,
dyspepsia or indigestion, cramp and pain in
the stomach, bowel complaint, painters' colic,
 Asiatic cholera, diarrhoea, and dysentery.
APPLIED EXTERNALLY, cures fevers, boils and
old sores, severe burns and scalds, cuts,
bruises and sprains, swelled joints, ringworm
and tetter, broken breasts, frost-bitten feet
and chilblains, toothache, pain in the face, neu-
ralgia and rheumatism. It is a SURE REMEDY
FOR AGUE AND CHILLS AND FEVER.
MOORE & CO.,
Agents.
LAST CHANCE.—The entire stock of Brown's
fine clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's
furnishings goods, must be sold within two
weeks. In order to give the citizens a
chance to purchase, sovereigns will be ac-
cepted at \$5 and greenbacks at San Fran-
cisco current rates. Yates Street, opposite
the Bank of British North America.
A New and Grand Epoch in Medicine.—
Dr. Mayo is the founder of a new Medical System.
The human system, whose various organs
stomach and bowels, must give precedence
to the man who restores health and appetite, with from
one to two of his extraordinary pills, and cures the most
virulent sores with a box or so his wonderful and all
healing Salve. These two great specifics of the doctor
are fast superseding all the quackeries of the
day. Extraordinary cures by Maggell's Pills and Salve
have been the eyes of the public to the ineffable power
of the (so-called) remedies of others, and upon which peo-
ple have so long blindly depended. Maggell's Pills are
not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of
which every box full taken creates an absolute necessity
for another. One or two of Maggell's Pills suffices to
place the bowels in perfect order, tone the stomach, cre-
ate an appetite, and render the system light and buoyant.
There is no griping, and no reaction in the form of con-
stipation. If the liver be diseased, its functions are restored,
and if the nervous system is feeble, it is invigorated.
This last quality makes the medicines very desirable for
the wants of Invalids, females, and children. The
diseases are literally extinguished by the disfectant
power of Maggell's Salve. In fact, it has been announced
that Maggell's Bile Beans, Dyspepsia and Diarrhoea
Pills cure where all others fail. While for Burns,
Scalds, Chilblains, Cuts, and all abrasions of the skin
Maggell's Salve is invaluable. Sold by J. Macdonald,
Vine street, New York, and all Druggists, at 25 cents per
box.
HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Furred Tongue, Tainted Breath—
No personal disadvantages can be more annoying than
these disagreeable affections, which are quickly removed
by Holloway's Pills. Their powerful cleansing prop-
erties will soon rectify impaired digestion, and take
away all its vexatious symptoms. When the constitution,
from climate, excess or other causes, is enfeebled, a
regulated course of this medicine will effect a complete
change throughout the system, and restore to the worn
out invalid that ease and strength which he thought had
flown for ever, so long had he been a stranger to both.
An occasional course of these pills celebrated Pills is
recommended to all feeling "all at ease," who, indeed,
can hardly point out the origin or seat of their morbid
sufferings.
THE BEST REMEDY FOR PURIFYING THE BLOOD
strengthening the Nerves, restoring the Lost Appetite
FRESHENING THE EYES
It is the best preservative against almost any sickness,
used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given
safely to infants. Full directions in English, French,
Spanish, and German, with every package. Price 1/6
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D. LINDSAY,
Accountant,
(Government street, Victoria, V. I.)
OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE in BANKRUPTCY
Estate wound up by private arrangement, Debts
Collected, Loans Negotiated, and a General
Agency Business transacted.
April 19, 1865. Jas 2 I
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HAS REMOVED HIS OFFICE
to Douglas street, first house on the right,
south of Fort street.
He is conversant with all modern Dental Im-
provements, and uses none but the best materials in his
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Teeth mounted on Silver, Gold or the Vulcanite Base
in the neatest and most artistic manner.
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Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be
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Conveyances of every description done at reason-
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195 TONS
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Lake View Farm
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This property is partly cleared and has
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is partly fenced in with a frontage on Swan
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Its effects commence by deposition from the blood of corrupt or ulcerous matter, which, in the lungs, liver, and internal organs, is termed tubercles; in the glands, swellings; and on the surface, eruptions or sores. This foul corruption, which renders in the blood, depresses the energies of life, so that scrofulous constitutions not only suffer from scrofulous complaints, but they have far less power to withstand the attacks of other diseases; consequently, vast numbers perish by disorders which, although not scrofulous in their nature are still rendered fatal by this taint in the system. Most of the consumption which decimates the human family has its origin directly in this scrofulous contamination; and many destructive diseases of the liver, kidneys, brain, and, indeed, of all the organs, arise from or are aggravated by the same cause.

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